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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENT FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MAPUTO

1. AMBASSADOR EXPECTS LEARN TOMORROW FROM PRESIDENT MACHEL WHETHER SEPTEMBER 11 DATE FOR VISIT IS ACCEPTABLE. ASSUMING MACHEL CONCURS, AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE LET MACHEL KNOW THEN WHAT WE WOULD HOPE TO OBTAIN FROM GPRM BY WAY OF SUPPORT. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM S/S AND S/Y-EX ON WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SECRETARY'S SIX-AND-HALF-HOUR STOP IN MAPUTO. WE WILL, OF COURSE, SEEK LAY ON AS MUCH OF THE FACILITIES REQUESTED IN STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS AS POSSIBLE, BUT AS YOU NO DOUBT REALIZE, FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND AT EMBASSY ARE EXCEEDINGLY LIMITED, AND MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT MAY BE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO PROVIDE AS MUCH SUPPORT AS WE WOULD LIKE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF ARRANGMENTS:

A. OFFICE SPACE AND HOTEL FACILITIES FOR THE DAY. EMBASSY HAS THREE OPTIONS: A) BOOK SPACE AT HOTEL POLANA (FIFTEEN MINUTES FRO EMBASSY); B) USE EMPTY OFFICES (ABOUT 10), BENEATH EMBASSY; C) USE AMBAS-

SADOR'S OR DCM'S RESIDENCE (ALSO FIFTEEN MINUTES FROM

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EMBASSY). RESIDENCE SOULD BE PUT AT DISPOSAL

OF SECRETARY AND HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF FOR DURATION OF STAY IN MAPUTO. BALANCE OF PARTY COULD USE FLOOR BELOW EMBASSY, WHERE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE QUICK ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS INSTALL TELPHONES.

B. COMMUNICATIONS. EMBASSY UTILIZES OFF-LINE COMMERCIAL CIRCUIT AND HAS FOUR HW-28'S. WE EXPERIENCE FREQUENT CIRCUIT OUTAGES. WE RECOMMEND THAT S/S USE C&R FACILITIES ON AIRCRWFT ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY. AS BACK UP, EMBASSY WILL HAVE THREE C&R STAFF TO ENSURE OPTIMUM INPUT AND OUTPUT FROM WHAT FACILITIES WE HAVE AVAILABLD AT EMBASSY.

C. TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE IN MAPUTO IS INADEQUATE AND POOR. EMBASSY HAS FOUR OUTSIDE LINES. LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY IS UNLIKELY BE ABLE AUGMENT OUR PRESENT FACILITIES. RECOMMEND THEREFLRE THAT WHATEVER ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE FACILITIES ARE ESSENTIAL, THE DEPARTMENT FLY IN THE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICIAN TO INSTALL.

D. TRANSPORTATION. THERE IS NO CAR RENTAL SERVICE IN MAPUTO. EMBASSY HAS FOUR VEHICLES PLUS FIVE PERSONAL CARS WHICH WILL BE PUT AT DISPOSAL OF SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY. GPRM WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL THREE OR FOUR VEHICLES, INCLUDING OFFER OF VEHICILE FOR SECRETARY. EMBASSY ALSO EXPECTSHBE ABLE ROUND UP AN ADDITIONAL TEN VEHICLES FROM UK EMBASSY AND FRIENDS. EVEN SO, WE WILL BE HARD UP FOR VEHICLES.

E. PRESS- NON OF WESTERN INTERNATIONAL WIRESERVICES OR INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE OFFICES OR REPRESENTATIVES IN MAPUTO. LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY IS HELPFUL), BUT LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY PROVIDE RAPID, DEPENDABLE SERVICE. NEWSMEN SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THIS AND ADVISED TO FILE THEIR COPY

WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN JOHANNESBURG. WE RECOMMEND THAT NEWS FILM BE CARRIED ON TO SOUTH AFRICA
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FOR TRANSMITTAL BACK TO THE U.S. EMBASSY WILL MAKE AN OFFICE BENEATH EMBASSY AVAILABLE TO NEWSMEN. EMBASSY IS REQUESTING SERVICES OF USIS OFFICER TO ASSIST WITH PRESS DURING MAPUTO STOP.
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